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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT(S) : Naomi L. NAKAO
SERIAL NO. : 10/687,281
FILED : 10/16/2003
FOR : Medical Instrument with Indented Lop and Associated Method
GROUP ART UNIT : 3763
EXAMINER : Aamer S. Ahmed

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AMENDMENT

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In response to the Office Action of June 14, 2005, applicant requests that the above-identified application be amended as follows. Pursuant to current practice, all pending claims, including original claims, previously presented claims, withdrawn claims, and currently amended claims, are presented below. Canceled claims are indicated as being canceled. Additions to the specification and claims are indicated by underlining, while deletions are indicated by strikethrough or double brackets.

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AMENDMENTS TO THE TITLE:

Amend the title to read as follows:

MEDICAL SNARE LOOP WITH INDENTATIONS FOR CHANGING EFFECTIVE
SIZE OF LOOP AND ASSOCIATED METHOD